

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 6th 2000**

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## **IRTS Field Days**

The Society runs three field days during the year. They all tie in with IARU Region One events and are held as follows: CW on the first full weekend in June, VHF/UHF on the first full weekend in July and SSB on the first full weekend in September.

Participation in the 1999 Field Days was down on previous years with the following results;

There were only two entries in the CW field day, EI7M in the open section and EI7GY in the restricted section.

In the VHF/UHF Field Day the Tipperary Radio Group EI7TRG were the winners of the restricted section with the Mayo Group EI7MRE taking the runners up spot.

The open section was won by the East Cork Group EI7M.

There were only two valid entries in the SSB Field Day, the East Cork Group EI7M in the open section and the Mayo Group EI7MRE in the restricted section.

Unfortunately, both the VHF and SSB field days had entrants who were in breach of rule 3.4 of the IRTS General Contest rules and were treated as check logs. This rule states that all participants as listed on the entry sheet must be Society members.

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## **Celticon 2000 - Advance Information**

The Marino Institute of Education will host Celticon 2000 – a QRP Radio Convention in Dublin on September 1st to 3rd next.

This event is being arranged and organised by the G-QRP Club with assistance from the Dublin QRP Radio Amateur Club.

Prominent speakers will include Rev George Dobbs, G3RJV. Further information on this important event will be announced when details are finalised.

The Dublin QRP Club, EI2MIE is based in the Marino Institute of Education on Griffith Avenue and meets in their Radio Room in the Marino Institute every Friday evening about 8.30 p.m.

Further information about the club can be had from Ron Hall, EI4AR on 01-8335551.

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## **South Eastern Radio Group**

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group now have a web site up and running.

The site is still at present a 'work in progress' so comments and suggestions about the site are more than welcome.

The URL for the site is: [www.angelfirfe.com/tx3/searg](http://www.angelfirfe.com/tx3/searg) Comments about the site or any queries about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group can be e-mailed to [searg@angelfire.com](mailto:searg@angelfire.com) Space News

Two satellites with amateur radio capability and one dedicated amateur satellite were successfully launched from the Vandenberg Air Force base in California during the last week in January . They were on board an Air Force Minotaur rocket which lifted off on schedule on January the 26th. The amateur satellite is a tiny eight ounce StenSat developed by a group of amateurs in the Washington DC area as part of the Stanford University's OPAL project.

It will operate as a single channel Mode J FM voice repeater, uplinking on 145.84 MHz and downlinking on 436.625MHz.

The long running Phase 3D saga advances another stage with the transportation of the satellite to the launch site in Kourou, French Guiana. A launch contract with Arianespace accepting Phase 3D as a payload on the first suitable Ariane 5 launch vehicle was signed last October and hopes are high that the launch will take place during the middle months of the current year.

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## **Guides Thinking Day**

The annual Guides Thinking Day on the Air takes place on February the 19th and 20th. While not as popular as the Scouts Jamboree on the Air, Thinking Day attracts lots of participants worldwide.

If you are interested, please make contact with a Guide group near you. It's a great chance to get the ladies involved in the hobby.

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## **South Dublin Radio Club**

The Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club will take place on Tuesday 29th February at 8.00 pm in the club QTH at Ballyroan Community Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham. This is an important meeting and all members are requested to attend.

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### **Dates for your Diary**

Sunday listeners are reminded that the Phoenix Radio Club's annual rally is being held today at the Cooolmine Community School.

An EI activity weekend is being held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March the 17th to the 19th. We need as many counties as possible active.

The Limerick Radio Club will hold their annual rally on Sunday the 26th of March 2000 in the Limerick Inn Hotel.

The IRTS AGM will be held in The Four Seasons Hotel on Monaghan over the weekend of April the 8th and 9th.

Enquiries to Stephen Hand GI7UIM/EI7FKB on 087-2932438.

The Worked All Ireland Island Activity weekend will be held over the third weekend in June, that's the 17th and 18th.

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